

8/17/2025 – PERSONS OF INTEREST: JOSEPH (Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 50:22-26)

Icebreakers:

- Would you rather forgive someone else or be forgiven?
- If you were going to die today, what instructions would you give?

Skim: Individually, flip through the pages of Genesis 37, 39-50

- What are some of the major events of Joseph's life?
- What are some ways that Joseph displays trust in God?

Read: Hebrews 11:22

- How do Joseph's words and instructions demonstrate his faith?
- Of all the moments in Joseph's life, why do you think the author of Hebrews chose this one to highlight?

Read: Genesis 50:22-26

- What did living in Egypt mean for Joseph and his family?
- Why would Joseph care about where he was buried?
- What do you think Joseph envisions for the future of his descendants? What does he hope for?

Additional Questions:

- How long do you think most Christians are willing to wait for God to answer their prayers?
- How do we commonly use the word hope? (Example: I hope the Colts win.) How is the Biblical idea of hope different?
- What are some things that you hope for?
- How can you have hope because of Jesus?
- How does that hope change the way you live your life?